

REMARKS

Applicant amends claims 1, 3 and 10 and claims 1-3 and 10 remain pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the pending claims.

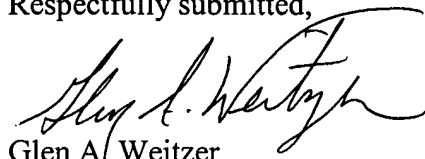
Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claim 2.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during a telephone interview on October 4, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that claims 1, 3, and 10 would be allowable if rewritten as method claims similar to allowable claim 2. In response, Applicant rewrites claims 1, 3, and 10 in method format. For this reason, claims 1, 3, and 10 are also allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow claims 1-3 and 10.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should the Examiner determine that such action would facilitate the prosecution and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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